Dave, whenever you are able I'll come. However, Freed keeps delaying, keeps refusing to spell anything out, so if you see anything else lets consider. The Wakeford-Orloff people are suing the guy they had stealing my stuff and he is countersuing. Disgusting. Meanwhile, the new book is plagued with mechanical delays, all the printer's. The last was printing two of the seven sigs upside down and having no more paper. It is scarce and his supplier in on strike! The contents are a major sensation, might even make a movie, would make a doctorate thesis and as of a day ago TV net interest remained. They then asked for proof of my relationship with Senator Russell, a Commission member, and his disagreement with the Warren Report.

9/21/74

Dear Don,

Yesterday I received your undated card reading, "A good meeting with Japanese group. They have asked 10 days to decide."

Fine.

I'm glad you had a good meeting and I really don't mind that you were a week late notifying me.

But I would like you please to address the questions I raised earlier.

Dave and I should have some notion of what you will be offering, what you have in mind.

I think this also serves your interest.

When you talked numbers there were satisfactory in size but based on nothing and with no indication of the terms and conditions that would control.

People who want to play ball should begin by being inside the same ballpark.

For example, is this still a parlay deal in which there is none if there is no Sirhan movie?

Is it one that depends on the success of a Sirhan movie?

I understand that they are separate projects as movies but also understand that within a business structure they are not. Is this correct?

Suppose the Sirhan deal flops. What effect if any does that have on this?

Or suppose that movie appears first and fails. What then with this one?

I could go on and on with questions I hope you would find reasonable. After all this time I think most should have had some response.

Please find the time to lay out in detail, copies to Dave and me, exactly what you have in mind. We will understand that there is a short period of time before you can make a firm offer that can be signed or negotiated further. But I do believe that after all these months we should have something a little more tangible than your dedication and hopes.

Dave's personal problems are serious so I'm staying away from him. But the last time we spoke, several weeks ago, he was impatient because he was aware of alternatives I believe I mentioned to you. I then told him I had given my word and that while more time than had been promised before firm offer had passed, I want to be in a position to keep my word. Please put yourself in my position. All these months have passed, Dave can possibly make other arrangements, and you come up with what is inferior to what he can do now or could have done some weeks ago? Or this possibly better opportunity passes?

So, please put something firm on paper with whatever reasonable qualification you require on time and give us a chance to ponder it.

Meanwhile, I do hope everything goes well.

Sincerely,